

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction and species election under 35 U.S.C. §121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct groups of the claimed invention:

- I. Claims 1-5, drawn to a circuit board, classified in class 174, subclass 260.
- II. Claims 6-8, drawn to a method of forming a circuit board, classified in class 29, subclass 832+.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed above are distinct from each other.

Furthermore, if Group I is elected, the Examiner further requires that one of the following species be elected:

Species I, readable on Figure 1, and

Species II, readable on Figure 4.

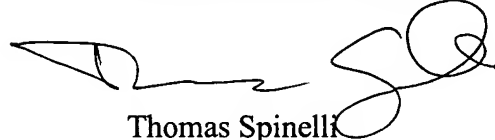
It is also the Examiner's position that the species listed above are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction requirement and species election, Applicant elects to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, Species II (Figure 4), which is readable on claims 4 and 5 as well as generic claim 1 for continued prosecution herein.

Applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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